Abstract of the Disclosure

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An airbag apparatus includes an airbag having an occupant-side surface and a vehicle-body-side surface opposite to the occupant-side surface when the airbag is inflated, and at least an upper chamber and a lower chamber separated from each other; a gas generator for deploying the airbag; and a gas distributor enclosing the gas generator and having outlet ports for allowing gas from the gas generator to flow into the upper chamber and the lower chamber. A check valve is provided for preventing the gas from flowing from the lower chamber to the upper chamber.